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MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Rocky Mountain Branch of the C.R.H.A. will be held at the Cromdale Car Shops, Tues., April 8th. at 8:00 pm. Following the general meeting, a talk will be given by Mr. Doug McKeckni entitled " From the muddy Fraser to the Silver San Juan ".

NOTICE

With this issue, we begin a new style format which we hope pleases all. It will be our endeavor, in the future, to improve both quality and quantity of the newsletter. However, any member having any suggestions for alterations to this paper, such as a new name or letterhead, please contact the editor at the address shown on the next page. Your comments, gentlemen.

NEWS & NOTES

The giant Meikle River Trestle is nearing completion. 2000 ft. long and 165 ft. high, the curving structure has wooden trestle approaches, and a steel deck girder trestle in the center. The bridge, the largest on the GSL, is 73 miles north of Roma. The next major crossing is the 900 ft. span over the Upper Hay River at mile 234.7, to be completed sometime this year.... CP is currently receiving it's order of 200 new movable bulkhead aluminum box cars....For the past few weeks, CP has been running a geep, an express reefer, and two Budds out on it's 6:00 pm Calgary train....For more news, turn to the next page, please..

NEWS & NOTES Contd.

Vince Coley reports: " The car I mentioned seeing (last issue) was CN 8740, a baggage car, with the black and white color scheme. Originally a coach, it now sports an express door in the center. All other doors and windows have been plated over, save for the lavatory window at one end ".... The CN recently moved four 95 foot bridge girders to Heinsberg. Each beam was loaded on a gon with the overhang taken up by idler flats at each end. The four beams, each weighing 83,000 lbs., utilized ten cars. This movement is believed to be the longest of their kind ever carried by the CN....CN is presently moving 300 tons of Skelp from Eastern Canada to Camrose for the new pipe rolling mill....Nothing to report on #1 this time, though I hope by next issue, the car is moved.... Remember fellows, to keep your newsletter going, your support is needed. Submit your items to the address shown below.

RAIL EXCURSION

On May 18th of this year, the club is sponsoring a rail trip to Barrhead on the NAR. The train will be the way freight which will have a 200 series loco. Depending on the number of passengers, one or two "combooses" or maybe a coach will be used. At Dunvegan, we should be able to photograph business cars "Dunvegan" or "Peace River" and maybe #3. Due to arrive at Barrhead around noon, we will leave Dunvegan Yards at 9:15am, meet #2, the Dawson Creek passenger at Cambell, and #40, the freight from McLennan at Busby Jct. Proceeding up the Barrhead line, a photo stop will be made at Manola. A poster is being prepared for distribution to various groups. A minimum of 25 is needed so make your plans NOW for that date. The fare is only \$2.95 RETURN !!!

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THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
CANADIAN RAILROAD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCE AN

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TO

BARR HEAD



SATURDAY 18TH MAY at 9:15

STARTING FROM DUNVEGAN YARDS (ON ST. ALBERT TRAIL
NORTH OF CNR CROSSING)

FARE \$2.95

THIS TRIP PROVIDES A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PLEASANT SCENERY OF THE PEMBINA VALLEY - THERE HAS BEEN NO PASSENGER SERVICE TO BARRHEAD SINCE 1959. WE SHALL RIDE IN SPECIAL CARS ATTACHED TO A FREIGHT TRAIN, AND SHALL BE ABLE TO WATCH SWITCHING MOVES ENROUTE.

WE SHALL SEE OTHER TRAINS & THERE WILL BE PHOTOSTOPS. THERE WILL BE TIME FOR LUNCH AT BARRHEAD [OR BRING YOUR OWN!]

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS - 656-6611 (DUNVEGAN) OR 656-6611 (BARRHEAD)

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